



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

To the Honorable Commissioner for Patents:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully respond to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2005.

Submitted herewith is the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 of Joseph A. Fernando. Also submitted with this Response is a Petition For a Three Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the Office Action and a check in the amount of \$1,020.00.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims/Claims Listing** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.